

BA General Course: Discipline Specific Core III

Semester	III
Paper Number	GPSCR3081T
Paper Title	Comparative Government and Politics
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5+1 Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	The student is expected to gain an insight into the parameters and ways of functioning of different kinds of political systems, different principles and also the important contemporary issues which affect the nature of the state.
Syllabus	<p style="text-align: center;">Module I (40 Marks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis (10 lectures)2. Comparing Regimes: Authoritarian and Democratic (05 lectures)3. Classifications of political systems:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Parliamentary and Presidential: UK and USAb) Federal and Unitary: Canada and China (15 lectures) <p style="text-align: center;">Module II (40 Marks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Electoral Systems: First past the post, proportional

	<p>representation, mixed systems. (08lectures)</p> <p>5. Party Systems: one-party, two-party and multi-party systems (08 lectures)</p> <p>6. Contemporary debates on the nature of state: From state centric security to human centric security and the changing nature of nation-state in the context of globalization.(14 lectures)</p>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Essential Texts</p> <p>Bara, J & Pennington, M. (eds.). (2009) <i>Comparative Politics</i>.New Delhi: Sage.</p> <p>Caramani, D. (ed.). (2008) <i>Comparative Politics</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Hague, R. and Harrop, M. (2010) <i>Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction</i>. (Eighth Edition). London: Palgrave McMillan.</p> <p>Ishiyama, J.T. and Breuning, M. (eds.). (2011) <i>21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book</i>.Los Angeles: Sage.</p> <p>Newton, K. and Deth, Jan W. V. (2010) <i>Foundations of Comparative Politics: Democracies of the Modern World</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>O’Neil, P. (2009) <i>Essentials of Comparative Politics</i>.(Third Edition). New York: WW. Norton &Company, Inc.</p> <p>Palekar, S.A. (2009) <i>Comparative Government and Politics</i>. New Delhi: PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Additional Topic-Specific Readings</p>

Topic 1.

Caramani, D. (2008) 'Introduction to Comparative Politics', in Caramani, D. (ed.) *Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-23.

Mohanty, M. (1975) 'Comparative Political Theory and Third World Sensitivity', in *Teaching Politics*. Nos. 1 & 2, pp. 22-38.

Topic: 2.

Webb, E. (2011) 'Totalitarianism and Authoritarianism', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Breuning, M.

(eds.) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 249-257.

Hague, R. and Harrop, M. (2004) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*.

London: Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 36-50, 51-68.

Topic: 3.

Hague, R and Harrop, M. (2004) 'The Political Executive', in *Comparative Government and*

Politics: An Introduction. London: Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 268-290.

Topic: 4.

Cameron, D. R. (2002) 'Canada', in Ann L. G. (ed.) *Handbook of Federal Countries*. Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, pp. 105-119.

Peter, H. (2002) 'Canada: A Federal Society-Despite Its Constitution', in Rekha Saxena. (ed.)

Mapping Canadian Federalism for India. New Delhi: Konark Publisher, Pvt., pp. 115-129.

Dhillon, Michael. (2009), 'Government and Politics', in *Contemporary China: An Introduction*. London, New York:

Routledge, 2009, pp. 137-160.

Topic: 5.

Evans, Jocelyn A.J. (2009) 'Electoral Systems', in Bara, J. and Pennington, M. (eds.)

Comparative Politics. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 93-119.

Downs, W. M. (2011) 'Electoral Systems in Comparative Perspectives', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Breuning, M. (eds.) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 159- 167.

Topic: 6.

Cole, A. (2011) 'Comparative Political Parties: Systems and Organizations', in Ishiyama, J.T.

and Breuning, M. (eds.) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 150-158.

Caramani, D. (2008) 'Party Systems', in Caramani, D. (ed.) *Comparative Politics*. Oxford:

Oxford University Press, pp. 293-317, 318-347.

Topic: 7.

Poggi, Gianfranco. (2008) 'The nation-state', in Caramani, D. (ed.) *Comparative Politics*.

Oxford: Oxford University Press pp. 85-107.

Hague, R. and Harrop, M. (2004) 'The state in a global context', in *Comparative Government*

and Politics: An Introduction. London: Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 17-34.

Further Readings

	<p>Bara, J. (2009) 'Methods for Comparative Analysis', in Bara, J. & Pennington, M. (eds.)</p> <p><i>Comparative Politics</i>. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 40-65.</p> <p>Blondel, J. (1996) 'Then and Now: Comparative Politics', <i>Political Studies</i>. Vol. 47, Issue 1, pp. 152-160</p> <p>Chandhoke, N. (1996) 'Limits of Comparative Political Analysis', <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>. vol. 31, No. 4, (January 27), pp. PE 2-PE8.</p> <p>Mair, P. (2008) 'Democracy', in Carmani, D. (ed.) <i>Comparative Politics</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 108-132.</p> <p>Robbins, J. W. (2011) 'Presidentialism Versus Parliamentarism', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Marijke, B. (eds.) <i>21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book</i>. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 177- 185.</p> <p>Watts, D. (2003) <i>Understanding US/UK Government and Politics</i>. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 1-25; 66-105; 106-138.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p>10 objective type questions to be answered out of 13 of 2 marks each (10x2=20)</p> <p>2 essay type questions to be answered out of 3 of 10 marks each (2x10=20)</p> <p>(Total= 40 marks per module)</p> <p>40+40(Module I + Module II=80) (80+20 CIA=100)</p>